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#### **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courteous and helpful interview on November 20, 2002.

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action, paper no. 25, mailed on September 26, 2002. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw his rejections and respectfully request that an allowance of the application be granted.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Response. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such